

Division 3. Air Resources Board

Chapter 13. Voluntary Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Enterprises

Article 1. Voluntary Accelerated Light-Duty Vehicle Retirement Enterprises

§ 2601. Definitions.

(a) “voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement” (“VAVR”) means the use of cash payments or other incentives to encourage a vehicle owner to voluntarily retire his or her vehicle from service earlier than otherwise would have occurred;

(b) “Inspection and Maintenance Program” (“I/M”) or “Smog Check” means the motor vehicle inspection program established by the Health and Safety Code section 44000, et seq.;

(c) “enterprise operator” means a person who conducts a voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement enterprise according to these regulations. The enterprise operator purchases vehicles, arranges for a vehicle's permanent removal from operation, and receives any emission reduction credit generated thereby;

(d) “dismantler” means the person or business, defined and licensed according to the requirements of the California Vehicle Code §220, §221, §11500, et seq., and other business codes and the regulations of the Department of Motor Vehicles, who dismantles or otherwise removes from service those vehicles obtained as part of a voluntary accelerated vehicle retirement enterprise;

(e) “emission reduction credit” means a credit representing the amount of emission reductions from accelerated retirement of vehicles, which can be applied to the emission reduction obligations of another source or to air quality attainment goals. VAVR enterprises can generate emission reduction credits that may be sold on the open market;

(f) “pilot program” means a limited VAVR enterprise to be conducted under contract to the Air Resources Board (“ARB” or “Board”), to be completed no later than two (2) years following adoption of these regulations, with the intent of assessing the effectiveness of such enterprises and of these regulations;

(g) “SIP” means the State Implementation Plan for ozone attainment, approved by the Board in 1994 and as subsequently amended;

(h) “measure M1” means the mobile source control measure of the SIP that calls for utilizing VAVR enterprises in the South Coast Air Basin for the purpose of achieving needed emission reductions;

(i) “NOx” means oxides of nitrogen, NO and NO₂, measured as NO₂, emitted in automotive exhaust;

(j) “CO” means carbon monoxide, as emitted in automotive exhaust;

(k) “PM” means particulate matter, as emitted in automotive exhaust;

(l) “ROG” means reactive organic gases, as emitted in both automotive exhaust and evaporative emissions;

(m) “district” means local air quality management district or air pollution control district that has responsibility for administering VAVR enterprises within its jurisdiction;

(n) “Executive Officer” means the Executive Officer of the Air Resources Board;

(o) “collector-interest vehicle” means any vehicle purchased by a car collector or car enthusiast primarily for its historic or esthetic value, rather than primarily as a means of transportation;

(p) “gross polluter” means a vehicle failing required emissions testing with emission levels in the gross polluter category, and which has not been repaired and subsequently retested to show its emission levels have been brought into compliance. This includes vehicles registered and operating under the authority of a repair cost waiver or economic hardship extension;

(q) “high emitter” means a vehicle failing required emissions testing with emission levels in the high emitter category, and which has not been repaired and subsequently retested to show its emission levels have been brought into compliance. This includes vehicles registered and operating under the authority of a repair cost waiver or economic hardship extension;

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 39600, 39601 and 44101, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 39002, 39003, 43000, 43013, 44081, 44090, 44100, 44101, 44102, 44103, 44105 and 44122, Health and Safety Code.

REFERENCE